The House then adjourned at twenty- four minutes past eleven of the clock.

The House reassembled at Twelve of the clock, The Vice-Chairman (Shri V. Narayanasamy) in the Chiar.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Public Issue of Essar Oil Ltd.

*201. SHRI GOPAL SINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the recently concluded Rs. 1816.49 crores Public Issue of Essar Oil Ltd.;

(b) whether SEBI had ensured that the company did not indulge in any sort of concealment and suppression of major risk factors in the prospectus issued in the context of the said public issue with a view to safeguard the interest of the prospective investors;

(c) whether SEBI had taken note of the fact that RBI had yet to permit foreign exchange remittances to the company and rejection of such a request would affect the implementation of the project;

(d) whether SEBI had taken congnizance of unutilised balance of the order of Rs. 700 Crores left out of company's 1989 Public Issue;

(e) whether the project cost envisaged at Rs. 5350 crores has not been fully accounted for in as much as Rs. 1500 crores has been left untied giving rise to some sort of uncertainty in the implementation of the project;

(0 whether the public issue under reference was in order; and

(g) if not, whether Government have taken steps to investigate the matter and with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE: (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKAR MURTHY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Based on the disclosures contained in the offer document, SEBI has indicated that it had no reason to believe that there has been any suppression or concealment of major risk factors.

(c) The offer document of the company con tained adequate disclosures to the effect that the company had applied to RBI for permission for foreign exchange remittance. RBI approval was received by the company on January 16, 1995.

(d) Since this was the first public issue of Essar Oil Ltd. the question of unutilised bal ance out of the company's previous public is sue does not arise.

(e) The fact that project cost is yet to be tied up has been brought out in the offer document of the company as a risks factor. It is not uncommon for projects involving large investment outley to do so.

(f) In the opinion of SEBI, the issue was launched with due compliance with the required regulations.

(g) Does not arise.

International Hotels Tie-Up With ITDC Managed Hotels

*202. SHRI G.Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hilton and several other leading international hotel chains have bid for a marketing and management tie- up with the India Toursim Development Corporation (ITDC) managed six 'elite' hotels;

(b) if so, the particulars in this regard;

(c) the terms and conditions set by his Ministry/TTDC for managing ITDCs elite hotels; and

(d) the decision taken by his Ministry in the matter and the likely benefits expected by the ITDC by entering into such partnership with foreign hotel chains?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) This information will be available only after 7th April, 1995 which is the last date for submission of the bids.

(c) ITDC have invited the bids for market ing and management tie up for its six elite ho tels, from leading international hotel chains op erating globally. They have been asked to furnish:—

(a) Technical bid indicating: plan for upgrading the properties to the international standard; details of training inputs to be provided for manpower; details of introducing modem concepts of computerisation, modern managment accounting, communication, management system etc; and any other input desired by the bidders.

(b) Financial bid indicating, business/action plan, financial strength of the bidder, expenditure to be incurred for upgradation, bid amount, compensation structure expected by them etc.

(d) Marketing and managment tie up envis ages the following likely benefits:—

(i) Increase in inflow of foreign tourists to patronise the hotels covered under the arrangement;

(ii) Enhancement of the goodwill in the overseas market and thereby overseas clients feel more confident in using the hotels covered under the arrangement;

(iii) Creation of contemporary modern image of ITDC hotels by affiliating with wellknown inter-national brand name in tourism industry;

(iv) Upgradation of hotels to international standard by availing technical advise and technology available with the international chain of hotels;

(v) Human Resource Development through training.

Introduction of More Doordarshan Channels

*203. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA: SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: .

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Doordarshan propose to introduce more channels during the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof?

(c) whether Government also propose to evolve mechanism to telecast the programmes of all channels without the use of Dish-antenna; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO), (a) and
(b) No firm date can be indicated for a further increase in the number of channels of Doordarshan.

- (c) There is no such proposal.

(d) Does not arise.

Failure of Electrostatic Precipitator of Unit IVof NTPC,Farakka

*204. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: SHRI MD. SALIM:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to refer to the reply to UnStarred Question 2145 given in the Rajya Sabha on 20th December, 1994 and state:

(a) whether the Enquiry committee set up for investigating the causes of the failure of Electrostatic Precipitator of Unit IV at NTPC, Farakka, has given its report, if so, the major causes of the failure; and

(b) whether it is a fact that some iterim report had been given by technical committee on this failure; if so, what are the findings of the interim committee?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI N.K.P. SALVE): (a) The enquiry committee recently submitted its final report to the;National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC)the major causes of the failure of the ESP as per the findings of the Committee are as follows:—

(1) Ash accumulation in the ESP casing of Pass D in excess of 4.4 metres above the hoppers bend line in atleast three fields of the ESP as compared to the structural designs level of 2.37 mtr.